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SUBJECT: KENYAN NEXT FIVE-YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN

1. ON A FAREWELL CALL ON MINISTER OF FINACE AND PLANNING KIBAKI ON 15 APRIL HE DISCUSSED THE HORN AND KENYA'S MILITARY REQUIREMENTS (REPORTED SEPTTEL), AND KENYA'S NEXT FIVE-YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN. KIBAKI RAISED SUBJECT OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN AT OUTSET OF MEETING, STATING PLAN WOULD HAVE AS ITS FIRST PRIORITY THE DRYLANDS. EMPHASIS TO DATE HAS BEEN ON ALREADY DEVELOPED LANDS AND THEIR IMPROVEMENT. HOWEVER, KENYA MUST NOW TURN ITS ATTENTION TO DRYLANDS AND THEIR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, BOTH FOR ECONOMIC AS WELL AS POPULATION (GROWTH) REASONS. KIBAKI SAID HE WAS RASINING POINT WITH ME IN HOPES THAT I WOULD SEE MY SUCCESSOR AND PASS ON THIS POINT TO HIM.

2. I CONFIRMED THAT I WOULD DO SO, AND WITH ENTHUSIASM, AS I WAS IN COMPLETE ACCORD WITH KIBAKI'S VIEWS AND DELIGHTED TO LEARN OF PLANS FOR FUTURE.

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